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THE NEXT
CENTURY'S
GREATEST
HEROES!



THE PREMIERE OF

HULK 2099

2099 A.D. = NEW YORK CITY'S KOOP MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

PARKING SPACE ON THIS SIDE, JEROME.

GOT IT, HONEY. THANKS.

LISTEN, ROBERTA. MICHAEL'S AN ADULT NOW. OLD ENOUGH TO FEND FOR HIMSELF.

WE'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE ANOTHER SCENE THIS TIME, ARE WE?

NO, I... NO...

YOU'VE GOT TO STOP BLAMING YOURSELF. OUR KID'S GOT ENOUGH TO WORRY ABOUT WITHOUT--

I KNOW, BUT... DIABETES IS HEREDITARY. HE GOT IT FROM ME --

SURE, BUT AFTER A SIMPLE LIVER REGROWTH, YOU TURNED OUT JUST FINE.

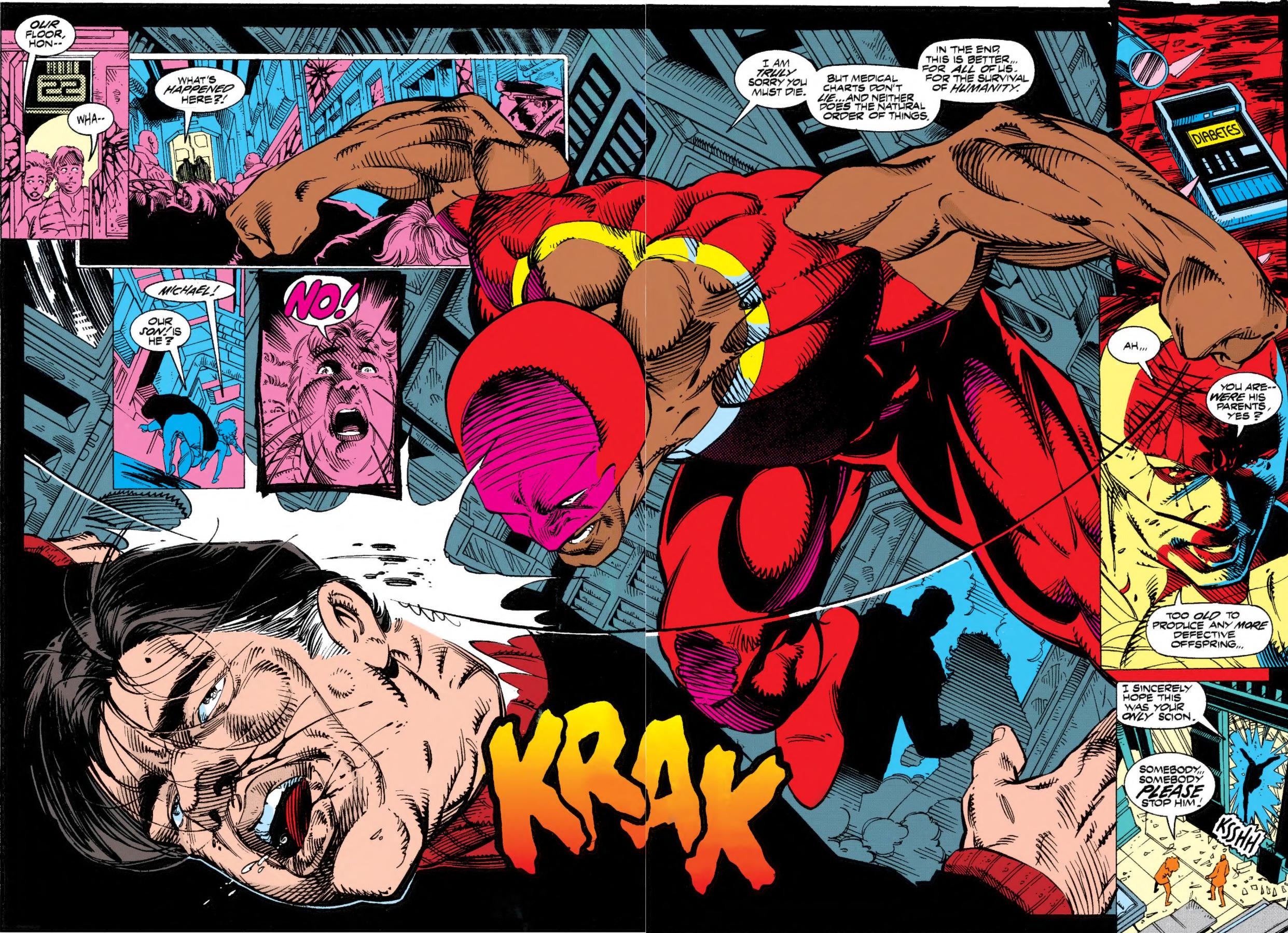
SO WILL MICHAEL.

HMMPH. HOSPITAL'S EXTRA BUSY TONIGHT. WHAT'S WITH ALL THE COPS?

I'M SURE IT'S NO CONCERN OF OURS. C'MON.

OUR PUBLIC EYE SUBSCRIPTION'S PAID, LIEUTENANT...

...GET MORE MEN HERE BEFORE THAT MANIAC KILLS EVERYONE IN THE WARD!



Stan
Lee
PRESENTS:

NOTHING EVER CHANGES!!

WEEKS
LATER...

SPIDER-
MAN!

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GENETICALLY PERFECT

DO NOT MOVE!
YOU ARE ALL
UNDER ARREST!

WISH THE
PUBLIC EYE
WERE AS GRATEFUL
AS THIS POOR GUY
WHO ALMOST GOT
HIS IDENTIFIER
BIOIMPLANT
RIPPED OUT!

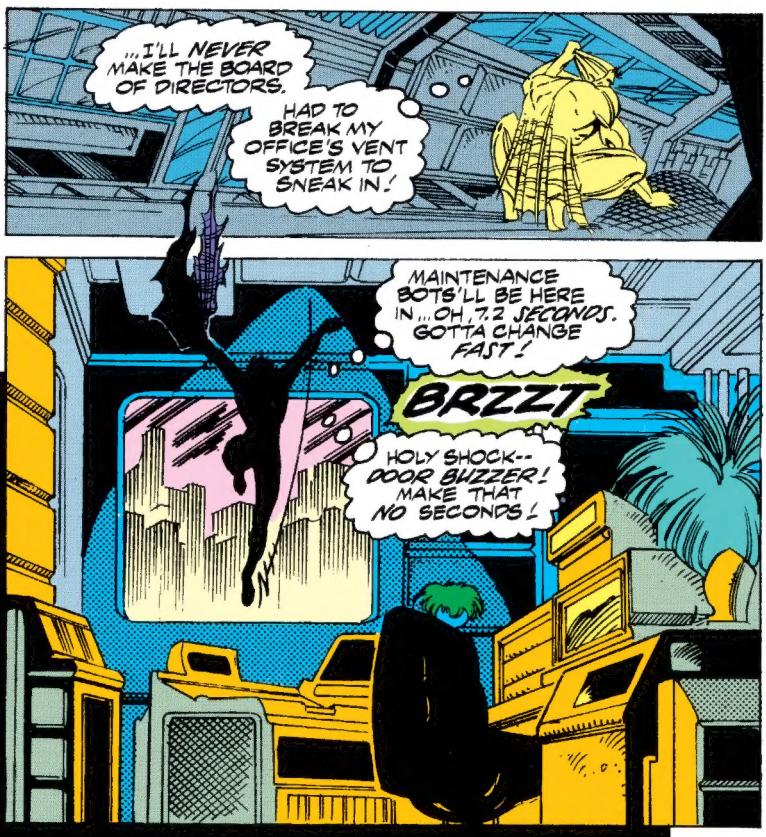
TAKE TIME OUT
FROM YOUR BUSY
WORK MORNING
TO PLAY GOOD
SAMARITAN...

...AND
THIS IS
THE THANKS
I GET.

PWEE

PWEE

PWEE





ELSEWHERE,
THAT EVENING...



ADAPTATION: ONCE, GERALD BERNARDSON WAS QUITE A DIFFERENT MAN.

THEY CALLED ME A BRILLIANT MAN. A DRIVEN MAN.

ON THE FAST TRACK IN GENETIC RESEARCH, OBSESSED WITH DNA VARIATION, MY AREA OF SPECIALTY... THE VERY CATALYST OF EVOLUTION.

THEN, MY DAUGHTER ANTHEA FELL VICTIM TO A MYSTERIOUS ILLNESS. THE DOCTORS WERE STYMIED.

...AS OUR ONLY CHILD DIED...



MY WIFE AND I COULD ONLY WATCH...





GIBSON...

CUMULATIVE
MUTATIONS YIELDED
LONGER, STRONGER
ARMS FOR MORE
EFFICIENT TREE-
SWINGING...



MY DIVORCE
DIDN'T MATTER.
MY LIFE
DIDN'T MATTER.

NOTHING
MATTERED
BUT THE
QUEST FOR
GENETIC
PURITY.



ONCE I BECAME PURE,
I COULD REVIVE THE
HUMAN RACE - AS IT
WAS, I DIDN'T DESERVE
TO LIVE.

PERHAPS MY OWN
OBSESSION WITH
EVOLUTION INFLUENCED
THE IRRADIATED
SERUM'S MAKEUP...

AND ITS INTERACTION
WITH MY ALREADY-
FLAWED DNA CAUSED...
UNPREDICTABLE
RESULTS.



ENOUGH!
MY MIND CAN
SCARCELY HOLD
ANOTHER
ADAPTATION!

AND I DARE SAY
I ALREADY KNOW
MORE OF EVOLUTION
THAN ANYONE ELSE
ON THE PLANET.

THE GENE
POOL HAS
BECOME
TAINTED.

MY SUB-
CONSCIOUS
HAS AN AMPLE
ARRAY OF POSSIBLE
HYPER-ADAPTATIONS
TO SELECT FROM--
AS THE PAST FEW
WEEKS HAVE
SHOWN.

I AM READY
AGAIN. GERALD
BERNARDSON MUST
ONCE MORE GUARD
THE HUMAN RACE
AGAINST IMPURITY...

...AS
MUTAGEN!

IT IS
TIME...

--FOR
ANOTHER
CLEANING!



DOWN THE HALL...

TEX

ALL CLEAR
ON THIS-
HEY!

WHO
GOES
THERE?

HOLY-!

SHE PUT UP
QUITE A
STRUGGLE. IT
WENT BEYOND MY
CONTROL. THE
MORE SHE STRUCK
ME, THE MORE
MY BODY
REACTION...

...AS YOU WILL
DISCOVER...
WHEN YOU MAKE
YOUR OWN
PITIABLE
ATTEMPT...

TO
STOP
ME!

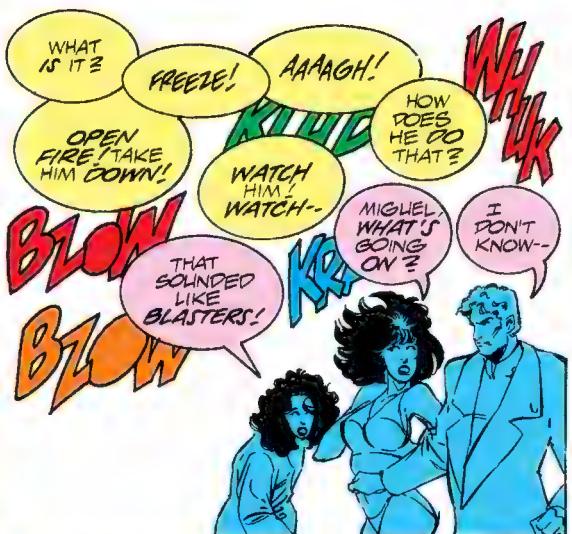
FREEZE,
MONSTER!

LIEUTENANT!
I'VE FOUND THE
KILLER! IN
HERE!

TRULY, THAT
WHICH DOESN'T
KILL ME... MAKES
ME STRONGER!

GAKK

BLAM







SPIDER-MAN...

YOUR ATTACK HAS MERELY RESULTED IN ANOTHER OF MY HYPER-ADAPTATIONS... AND A FASCINATING ONE AT THAT.

I DOUBT YOU'LL TRY TO PUNCH ME IN THE JAW AGAIN.

WHO-- WHAT ARE YOU?

CALL ME MUTAGEN.

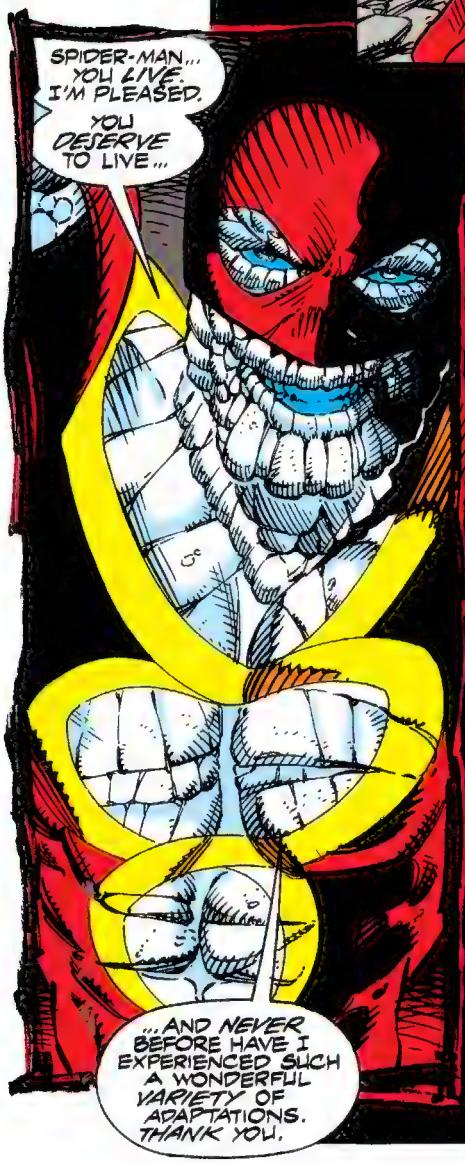
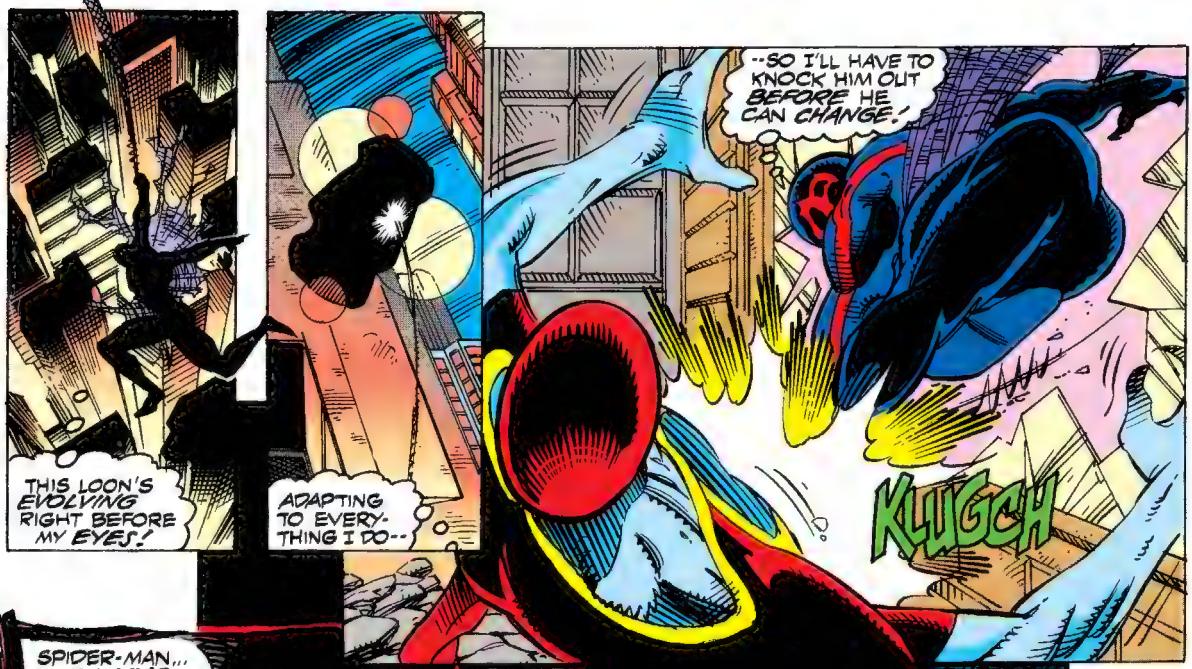
I HAVE NO QUARREL WITH YOU, SPIDER-MAN.

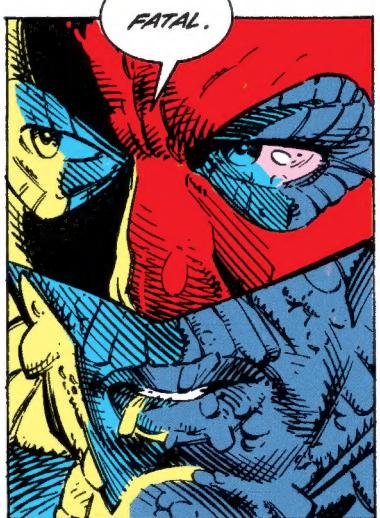
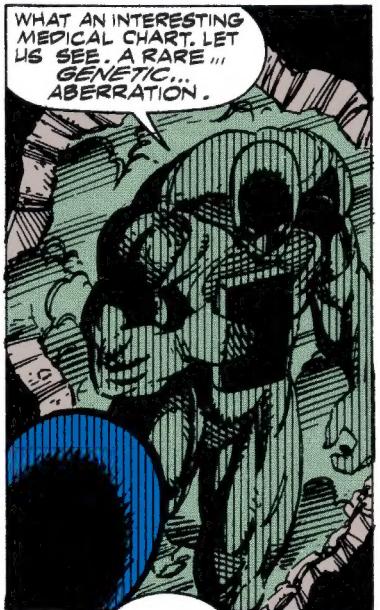
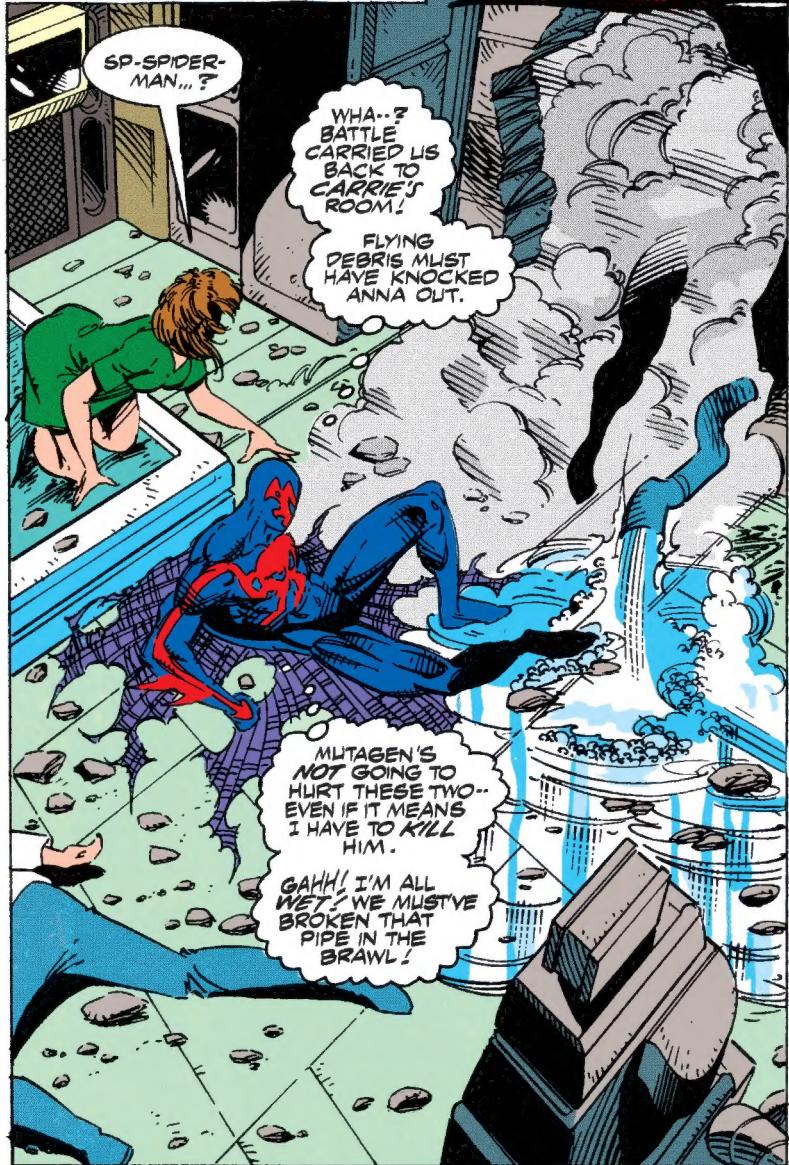
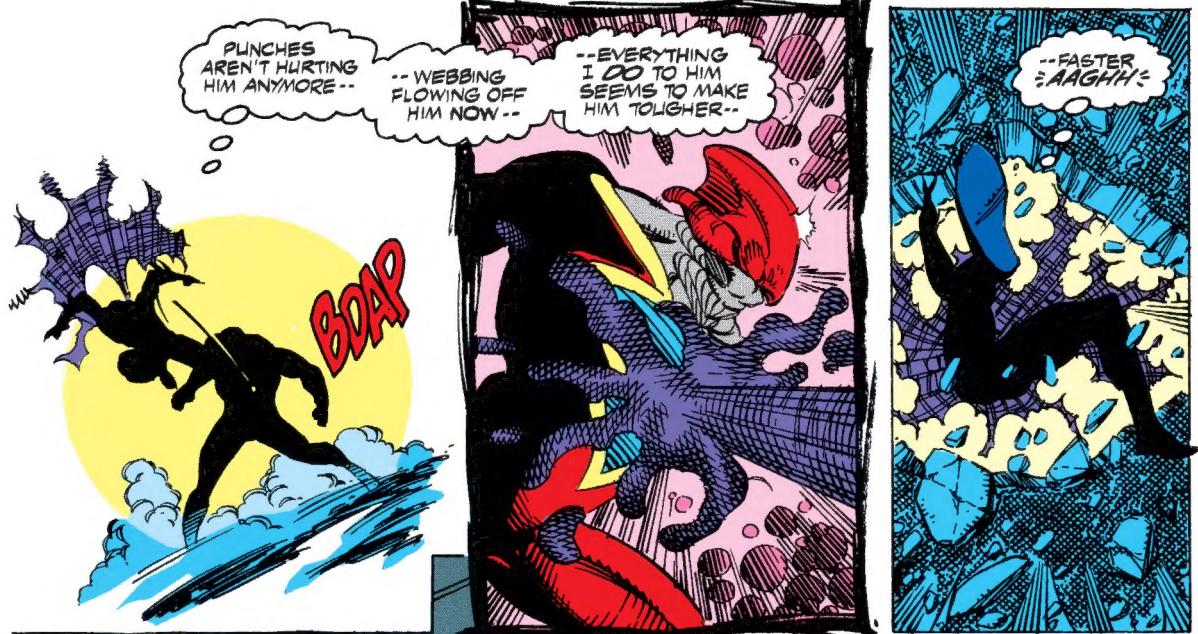
BUT IF YOU TRY TO STOP MY MISSION, YOU'LL PAY.

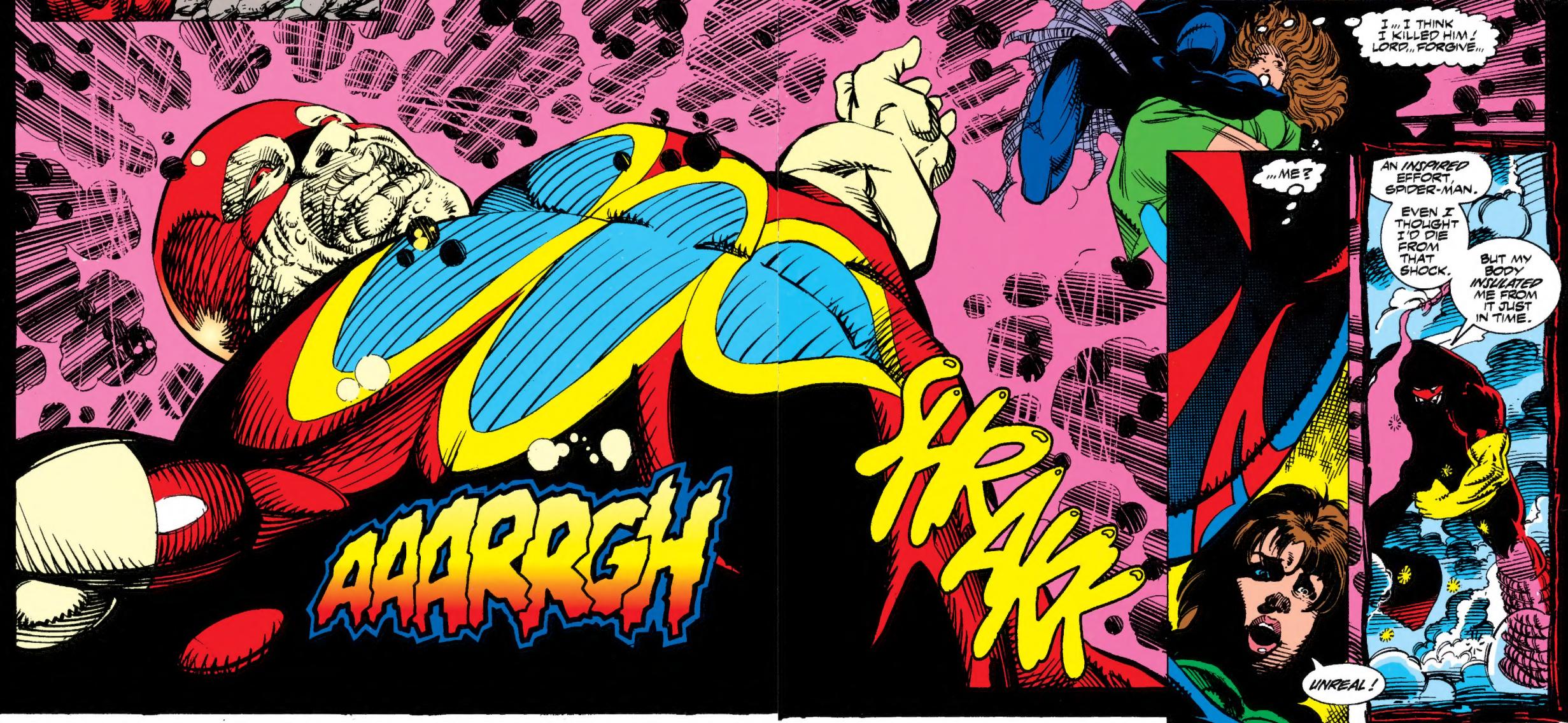
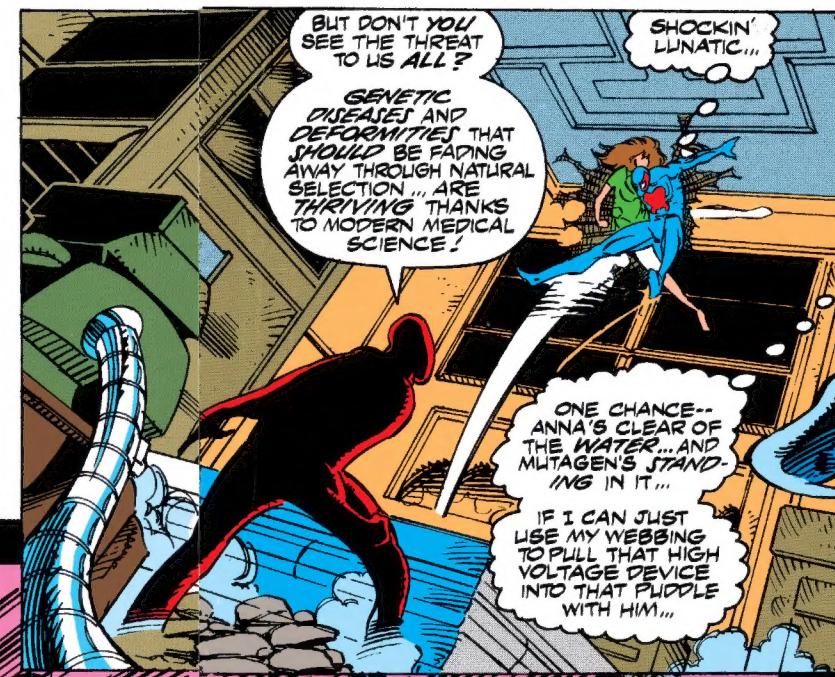
WHAT KIND OF MISSION INCLUDES KILLING HOSPITAL PATIENTS, MANIAC?

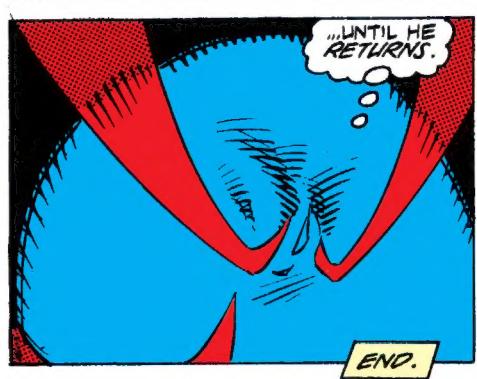
ARRGH!













Shadowcat

